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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 September 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 28 and 30-38 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 28 and 30-38 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. In view of the Pre-Appeal Conference Request filed on 27 September 2007, PROSECUTION IS HEREBY REOPENED. A new grounds of rejection is set forth below.

To avoid abandonment of the application, appellant must exercise one of the following two options:

(1) file a reply under 37 CFR 1.111 (if this Office action is non-final) or a reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (if this Office action is final); or,

(2) initiate a new appeal by filing a notice of appeal under 37 CFR 41.31 followed by an appeal brief under 37 CFR 41.37. The previously paid notice of appeal fee and appeal brief fee can be applied to the new appeal. If, however, the appeal fees set forth in 37 CFR 41.20 have been increased since they were previously paid, then appellant must pay the difference between the increased fees and the amount previously paid.

A Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE) has approved of reopening prosecution by signing below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 28 and 30-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wang et al. (USPN 6,883,023).

4. Regarding claim 28, Wang discloses a terminal device coupled to a packet-switched communication network (col. 1, ll. 24-28, where a combination of a computer and a communications device form a compound network apparatus, i.e. a terminal device, and col. 5, ll. 4-15, where the apparatus is connected to a LAN, which is a packet-switched communication network, see also Fig. 2 and col. 10, ll. 46-51) comprising: a data processing device having a first program module, wherein said processing device configures first signaling information according to a first standard signaling protocol for packet-switched telecommunications that is processed under a first protocol stack (col. 4, ll. 31-36, where the apparatus configures communications destined for the router according to a packet based network application protocol, see also Fig. 3C and col. 10, ll. 2-7), and configures second signaling information according to a standard signaling protocol for circuit-switched telecommunications that is processed under a second protocol stack (col. 4, ll. 13-30, where the apparatus configures communications destined for the gateway according to a soft private branch exchange telephony application layer protocol, i.e. a protocol for circuit-switched telecommunications, see also Fig. 3C and col. 10, ll. 2-7); an interface unit for operatively coupling the terminal device to the packet-switched communication network (col. 5, ll. 4-15, where the apparatus is connected to a LAN, which is a packet-switched communication network, see also Fig. 2 and col. 10, ll. 46-51) wherein the first signaling information is communicated through an interface with the assistance of signaling packets of the packet-switched communication network (col. 4, ll. 31-36, where the apparatus configures communications destined for the router according to a packet based

network application protocol, see also Fig. 3C), and the second signaling information is communicated through the interface with the assistance of data packets of the packet-switched communication network (col. 4, ll. 13-30, where the apparatus “transforms the [second signaling information] into transport data formatted according to a transport protocol for a packet switched network, see also Fig. 3C and col. 13, ll. 28-40).

5. Regarding claim 30, Wang discloses that signaling information for at least one service feature and/or performance feature is transmitted as second signaling information (col. 4, ll. 8-11, where the signaling information includes information about conferencing, dialing, receiving an incoming call, forwarding, transferring, and placing a call, i.e. “at least one service feature and/or performance feature”).

6. Regarding claim 31, Wang discloses that the service feature and/or performance feature includes at least one of call pick up, three way conferencing, large scale conferencing, holding, displaying of toll information, a closed user group, call number identification, automatic call back when busy, automatic call back when no response, call barring, call waiting indication and call transfer (col. 4, ll. 8-11, where the signaling information includes information about conferencing, dialing, receiving an incoming call, forwarding, transferring, and placing a call).

7. Regarding claim 32, Wang discloses that the second signaling information, with the assistance of the packet-switched communication network, is transmitted from the terminal device to a second interface unit between the packet-switched communication network and a circuit-switched communication network (col. 4, ll. 22-24, where the apparatus is connected to a gateway server, which “provides access for the user to a public switched telephone network,” see also Fig. 2 and col. 10, ll. 51-56).

8. Regarding claim 33, Wang discloses that the data processing device further comprises a second program module that converts the transmitted first and second signaling information into image information to be displayed on a display unit and processes information which is input using an input unit using data exchanged between the first program module and the second program module (col. 3, ll. 6-14, where the apparatus includes software for displaying information and receiving user inputs, see also col. 5, ll. 33-41).

9. Regarding claim 34, Wang discloses that the second program module provides a graphical interface (col. 5, ll. 33-37, where the apparatus “includes a display providing user interface graphic elements”).

10. Regarding claim 35, Wang discloses that a number of possible graphical interfaces are stored in the data processing device, and the user interfaces are optionally switched over by the second program module (Figs. 12-35, where various graphical interfaces are presented).

11. Regarding claim 36, Wang discloses that the terminal device is configured as a computer system with software and hardware (col. 2, l. 64-col. 3, l. 21, where various software and hardware components are disclosed, see also, col. 43, ll. 37-50).

12. Regarding claim 37, Wang discloses a method for operating a telecommunication system having at least one terminal device operatively coupled to a packet-switched network (col. 1, ll. 24-28, where a combination of a computer and a communications device form a compound network apparatus, i.e. a terminal device, and col. 5, ll. 4-15, where the apparatus is connected to a LAN, which is a packet-switched communication network, see also Fig. 2 and col. 10, ll. 46-51) comprising the steps of: configuring first signaling information according to a standard signaling protocol for packet-switched telecommunication that is processed under a first protocol

stack (col. 4, ll. 31-36, where the apparatus configures communications destined for the router according to a packet based network application protocol, see also Fig. 3C and col. 10, ll. 2-7); processing said first signaling information according to the rules of the packet-switched standard protocol using said first protocol stack (col. 4, ll. 31-36, where the apparatus communicates with the router using packets, see also Fig. 3C and col. 10, ll. 2-7); configuring second signaling information according to a standard signaling protocol for circuit-switched telecommunication that is processed under a second protocol stack (col. 4, ll. 13-30, where the apparatus configures communications destined for the gateway according to a soft private branch exchange telephony application layer protocol, i.e. a protocol for circuit-switched telecommunications, see also Fig. 3C and col. 10, ll. 2-7); processing said second signaling information according to the rules of the circuit-switched standard protocol using said second protocol stack (col. 4, ll. 13-30, where the apparatus processes communications destined for the gateway according to a soft private branch exchange telephony application layer protocol, i.e. a protocol for circuit-switched telecommunications, see also Fig. 3C and col. 10, ll. 2-7); transmitting first bits of signaling information through an interface with the assistance of signaling packets of the packet-switched communication network (col. 4, ll. 31-36, where the apparatus configures communications destined for the router according to a packet based network application protocol, see also Fig. 3C), and the second signaling information is transmitted through the interface with the assistance of data packets of the packet-switched communication network (col. 4, ll. 13-30, where the apparatus "transforms the [second signaling information] into transport data formatted according to a transport protocol for a packet switched network, see also Fig. 3C and col. 13, ll. 28-40).

13. Regarding claim 38, Wang discloses a terminal device coupled to a packet-switched communication network (col. 1, ll. 24-28, where a combination of a computer and a communications device form a compound network apparatus, i.e. a terminal device, and col. 5, ll. 4-15, where the apparatus is connected to a LAN, which is a packet-switched communication network, see also Fig. 2 and col. 10, ll. 46-51) comprising: a data processing device having a first program module, wherein said processing device configures first signaling information according to a first signaling protocol for packet-switched telecommunications (col. 4, ll. 31-36, where the apparatus configures communications destined for the router according to a packet based network application protocol, see also Fig. 3C and col. 10, ll. 2-7), and configures a second signaling information according to a signaling protocol for circuit-switched telecommunications (col. 4, ll. 13-30, where the apparatus configures communications destined for the gateway according to a soft private branch exchange telephony application layer protocol, i.e. a protocol for circuit-switched telecommunications, see also Fig. 3C and col. 10, ll. 2-7); an interface unit for operatively coupling the terminal device to the packet-switched communication network (col. 5, ll. 4-15, where the apparatus is connected to a LAN, which is a packet-switched communication network, see also Fig. 2 and col. 10, ll. 46-51), wherein the second signaling information is communicated through the interface unit as part of signaling packets that do not contain any first signaling information (col. 4, ll. 13-30, where the apparatus “transforms the [second signaling information] into transport data formatted according to a transport protocol for a packet switched network, see also Fig. 3C and col. 13, ll. 28-40).

Conclusion

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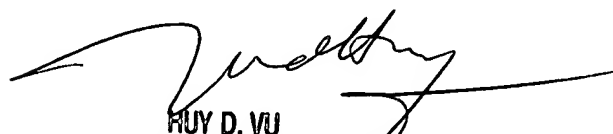
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